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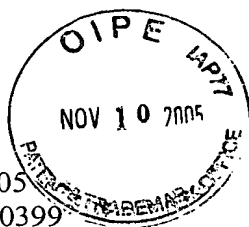
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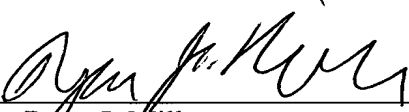
German Utility Model No. 202 09 195 U1 is cited on page 1, line 30 of the specification of the present application and is relevant for the reasons discussed therein.

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